

(C) The year construction on the vessel was completed.

(D) The shipbuilder of the vessel.

(E) The country of origin of the vessel.

(F) The current mission or assignment of the vessel with the Department of Defense.

(G) The commencement date of the current lease or charter for the vessel.

(H) Any option period under the current lease or charter for the vessel, including the end date of any such period.

(I) The cost of the lease or charter to date.

(J) The current monthly cost of the lease or charter.

(K) The hull name or number of any vessel under construction in the United States to provide the services provided by such vessel under the lease or charter.

SA 4329. Mr. LOTT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title I, add the following:

SEC. 124. MODERNIZATION OF ARLEIGH BURKE CLASS DESTROYERS.

(a) **MODERNIZATION OF CERTAIN VESSELS REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of the Navy shall carry out a program to modernize the last three vessels in the DDG-51 Arleigh Burke Class of destroyers.

(b) **FUNDING FOR MODERNIZATION OF CERTAIN VESSEL.**—

(1) **ADDITIONAL AMOUNT FOR SHIPBUILDING AND CONVERSION, NAVY.**—The amount authorized to be appropriated by section 102(a)(3) for shipbuilding and conversion for the Navy is hereby increased by \$40,000,000.

(2) **AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNT.**—Of the amount authorized to be appropriated by section 102(a)(3) for shipbuilding and conversion for the Navy, as increased by paragraph (1), \$40,000,000 may be available for modernization of the Arleigh Burke Class destroyer DDG-110.

(3) **OFFSET.**—The amount authorized to be appropriated by section 301(2) for operation and maintenance for the Navy is hereby reduced by \$40,000,000.

SA 4330. Mr. LOTT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title II, add the following:

SEC. 215. TRANSFER MISSILE POWER SYSTEM.

Of the amount authorized to be appropriated by section 201(1) for research, development, test, and evaluation for the Army, \$5,000,000 may be available for research and development associated with the Transfer Missile Power System.

SA 4331. Mr. TALENT (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Florida) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed

by him to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . TERMS OF CONSUMER CREDIT EXTENDED TO SERVICEMEMBER OR SERVICEMEMBER'S DEPENDENT.

(a) **TERMS OF CONSUMER CREDIT.**—Title II of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. App. 521 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“SEC. 208. TERMS OF CONSUMER CREDIT.

“(a) **INTEREST.**—A creditor who extends consumer credit to a servicemember or a servicemember's dependent shall not require the servicemember or the servicemember's dependent to pay interest with respect to the extension of such credit, except as—

“(1) agreed to under the terms of the credit agreement or promissory note;

“(2) authorized by applicable State or Federal law; and

“(3) not specifically prohibited by this section.

“(b) **ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE.**—A creditor described in subsection (a) shall not impose an annual percentage rate greater than 36 percent with respect to the consumer credit extended to a servicemember or a servicemember's dependent.

“(c) **MANDATORY LOAN DISCLOSURES.**—

“(1) **INFORMATION REQUIRED.**—With respect to any extension of consumer credit to a servicemember or a servicemember's dependent, a creditor shall provide to the servicemember or the servicemember's dependent the following information in writing, at or before the issuance of the credit:

“(A) A statement of the annual percentage rate applicable to the extension of credit.

“(B) Any disclosures required under the Truth in Lending Act (15 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.).

“(C) A clear description of the payment obligations of the servicemember or the servicemember's dependent, as applicable.

“(2) **TERMS.**—Such disclosures shall be presented in accordance with terms prescribed by the regulations issued by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to implement the Truth in Lending Act (15 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.).

“(d) **LIMITATION.**—A creditor described in subsection (a) shall not automatically renew, repay, refinance, or consolidate with the proceeds of other credit extended by the same creditor any consumer credit extended to a servicemember or a servicemember's dependent without—

“(1) executing new loan documentation signed by the servicemember or the servicemember's dependent, as applicable; and

“(2) providing the loan disclosures described in subsection (c) to the servicemember or the servicemember's dependent.

“(e) **PREEMPTION.**—Except as provided in subsection (f)(2), this section preempts any State or Federal law, rule, or regulation, including any State usury law, to the extent that such laws, rules, or regulations are inconsistent with this section, except that this section shall not preempt any such law, rule, or regulation that provides additional protection to a servicemember or a servicemember's dependent.

“(f) **PENALTIES.**—

“(1) **MISDEMEANOR.**—Any creditor who knowingly violates this section shall be fined as provided in title 18, United States

Code, or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

“(2) **PRESERVATION OF OTHER REMEDIES.**—The remedies and rights provided under this section are in addition to and do not preclude any remedy otherwise available under law to the person claiming relief under this section, including any award for consequential and punitive damages.

“(g) **DEFINITION.**—For purposes of this section, the term ‘interest’ includes service charges, renewal charges, fees, or any other charges (except bona fide insurance) with respect to the extension of consumer credit.”.

(b) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of contents of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. App. 501) is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 207 the following new item:

“Sec. 208. Terms of consumer credit”.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, the Chair would like to inform the members of the committee that the committee will hold a hearing on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, at 10:30 a.m. in Russell 428A on the nomination of Steven C. Preston to be the Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 19, 2006, at 4 p.m., in closed session to consider S. 3237, the Intelligence Authorization Act for fiscal year 2007.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Monday, June 19, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony regarding implementation of the renewable fuel standards in the 2005 energy bill and the future potential of biofuels such as biodiesel, cellulosic ethanol, and E85.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Monday, June 19, 2006, at 3 p.m. to hold a hearing on nominations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION AND BORDER SECURITY

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee

on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Immigration Enforcement at the Workplace: Learning from the Mistakes of 1986" on Monday, June 19, 2006, at 2 p.m. in SD226.

Witness list

Panel 1: The Honorable Stewart Baker, Assistant Secretary for Policy, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC; Julie Myers, Assistant Secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC; and Martin Gerry, Deputy Commissioner for Income Security Programs, Social Security Programs, Social Security Administration, Baltimore, MD.

Panel 2: Richard Stana, Director of Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office, Washington, DC; C. Stewart Verdery, Jr., Former Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, Adjunct Fellow, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, DC; Cecilia Munoz, Vice President, Office of Research, Advocacy and Legislation, National Council of La Raza, Washington, DC; and Linda Dodd-Major, Former Director of Office of Business Liaison, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Washington, DC.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 3534

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill at the desk that is due for a second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3534) to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to provide for a YouthBuild program.

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to further proceeding.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will be placed on the calendar.

RECOGNIZING THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF JUNETEENTH INDEPENDENCE DAY

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 516, which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 516) recognizing the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day and expressing the sense of the Senate that history should be regarded as a means of understanding the past and solving the challenges of the future.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

CELEBRATION OF JUNETEENTH

Mr. OBAMA. Mr. President, today marks the anniversary of a joyous day in our Nation's history. It was on this day in 1865 when word finally reached the farthest corner of the Southwest that all slaves were free. More than 2½ years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, this was the day freedom became a reality. After hundreds of years of servitude and oppression, this was the day that former slaves claimed their rightful place as equal citizens. Juneteenth was the day our Nation reclaimed its dignity.

Today, Juneteenth is still a celebration of freedom. It is an opportunity for engagement and self-improvement, a time to reflect and recommit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and equality. Juneteenth is about acknowledging where we have been as a Nation, looking honestly and critically at our past, and gaining a fresh understanding of the challenges we face as we look toward the future.

Half a century after *Brown v. Board of Education*, this is a day for us to assess the quality of education we are providing to our children. Forty years after the passage of the Voting Rights Act, this is a day for us to think of the injustices that must be overcome, the millions without health care, the families without jobs, and the disparities that continue to divide us.

Juneteenth should be a reminder to all Americans that we must not resign ourselves to waiting for a better time to do what we know is right. This is the day we honor previous generations for the great strides they have taken toward creating a more just society. This is the day we honor future generations by undertaking with determination the work that is yet to be done.

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 516) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 516

Whereas news of the end of slavery did not reach frontier areas of the United States, and in particular the Southwestern States, for more than 2 years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation of January 1, 1863, and months after the conclusion of the Civil War;

Whereas on June 19, 1865, Union soldiers led by Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, with news that the Civil War had ended and that the enslaved were free;

Whereas African Americans who had been slaves in the Southwest celebrated June 19, commonly known as "Juneteenth Independence Day", as the anniversary of their emancipation;

Whereas African Americans from the Southwest continue the tradition of Juneteenth Independence Day as inspiration and encouragement for future generations;

Whereas, for more than 135 years, Juneteenth Independence Day celebrations have been held to honor African American freedom while encouraging self-development and respect for all cultures;

Whereas, although Juneteenth Independence Day is beginning to be recognized as a national, and even global, event, the history behind the celebration should not be forgotten; and

Whereas the faith and strength of character demonstrated by former slaves remains an example for all people of the United States, regardless of background, religion, or race: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That—

(1) the Senate—

(A) recognizes the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day to the Nation;

(B) supports the continued celebration of Juneteenth Independence Day to provide an opportunity for the people of the United States to learn more about the past and to understand better the experiences that have shaped the Nation; and

(C) encourages the people of the United States to observe Juneteenth Independence Day with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs; and

(2) it is the sense of the Senate that—

(A) history should be regarded as a means for understanding the past and solving the challenges of the future; and

(B) the celebration of the end of slavery is an important and enriching part of the history and heritage of the United States.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the EPW Committee be discharged from further consideration and the Senate now proceed to H. Con. Res. 372.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 372) recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Interstate Highway System.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. CRAIG. I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 372) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2006

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, June 20. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate proceed to a period of morning business for up to 30